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From the Daily Post-Boy, Dec. 9.

Paris, Decem. 2. The King's Declaration concerning the Graces extended to Prisoners upon account of the Dauphin's Birth, dated at *Versailles Oct.* 22d, and Registred in Parliament *Nov.* 25, is a remarkable Piece, and worth the Attention of the Publick.

LEWIS XV. by the Grace of God, King of France and Navarre; To all to whom these Presents shall come, *Greeting.* After due Enquiry made into what has been done in the Reigns of the Kings our Predecessors, to signalize their Joy upon account of their Coronations, Marriages, and so important an Event as the Birth of a Dauphin; we found it was their Opinion, That the best way of shewing their Gratitude for so visible an Instance of the Divine Protection, was by extending their Clemency in favour of such Prisoners, as by the Nature of their Crimes were not rendred unworthy of that Grace they expected upon occasion of the happy Event: And being desirous to follow an Example, which our beneficent Temper would have induc'd us to set, had there been no Precedent for it; we ordered the Cardinal de Rohan, Great Almoner of France, to give us in our Council, according to the usual Custom, an Account of the Enquiry he had made, with the Sieurs Rouille, Le-Fevre de Comartin, Le Pelletier, De Beaupre, Le Nain, Pallu, D'Agueſſau de Freſne, Trudaine and Chauvelin, Masters of Requests of our Palace, of the Prisoners actually detain'd for Crimes, &c. in the Prisons of our Good City of Paris, and of the Circumstances of the Facts they stood charged with; and we caused a List to be taken, and sealed with the Counter-Seal of these Presents, of all those that appeared to us entitled to the Benefits we resolved to grant upon this Occasion: And as we are desirous that, according to the known Practice in such Cases, they should forthwith enjoy the Effects of our Bounty, but without dispensing with the Rules established by our Ordinances in relation to those who have obtained our free Pardon; we have thought fit to publish our Intention, at a Time wherein the Motives that excite our Clemency, ought not to make us forget what is due to Justice.

For these Causes, and others us thereunto moving, we with the Advice of our Council, and of our special Grace, and Royal Authority, have said, declared, and ordained, and by these Presents signed with our Hand, do say, declare and ordain, and it is our Will and Pleasure, That all the Prisoners, whose Names are inserted in the List under the Counter-Seal of these Presents, signed with our Hand, and Countersign'd by one of our Secretaries of State, be immediately discharged out of Prison; for which Purpose our present Letters Patents, and the Roll thereto annex'd, shall be delivered into the Hands of our Great Almoner. We enjoin the Keepers and Clerks of the Prisons to set the said Prisoners at Liberty, conformably to these Presents; and in so doing, they shall remain well and truly discharged from them: Provided nevertheless, That the said Prisoner obtain our Letters of Remission or Pardon in the accustomed Form, and within the Space of Three Months from the Day these Presents shall be Registred; to the end that when they have recovered their Liberty, they may get their said Pardons pass'd, according to the usual Forms and Rules, which ought always to be observed. And in case of Default herein, and that they shall not have taken out their Pardons within the Space of Three Months, but that Time should elapse; we have declared, and do declare the Effect and Benefit of these Presents to be forfeited: And it is our Will, That at the Request of the Plaintiffs, and of our Attorney-Generals and their Substitutes, they shall be seized and carried back to the said Prisons, in order to be prosecuted according to the Rigour of our Ordinances, *&c.*

From the Evening Post, Decem. 9.

Wesel, Decem. 7. The Water of the Rhine rises daily, by the excessive and almost continual Rains, so that People are afraid of speedy Inundations by the breaking of the Dikes or overflowing the Banks.

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Advices from Poland say, That the Discord among the Grandees increases daily, and seems to threaten very ill Consequences, especially since a certain Party, which is supported by one of the chief Powers, is become superior.

Amsterdam, Decem. 9. They write from Dresden, that the King of Poland enjoys perfect Health. His Majesty takes much Pleasure in the two Battallions of Tall Grenadiers newly formed; and those left in Poland are to compose a third. Their Pay at the Beginning of next Year is to be 3 Rixdollars each Month; the Caps which are preparing for these Troops will be so rich, as to cost 16 Rixdollars each.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 11.

Since our last arrived two Mails from Holland, one from France, and three from Flanders.

BY the Holland Mails are Letters advising, that on the 28th past the States of lower Austria met, and afterwards went in a Body to the Imperial Palace; where the Emperor having seated himself with the usual Solemnity, made a Speech to this Effect, 'That as it had pleased Almighty God 'to leave the publick Peace and Tranquility still 'upon an uncertain Foot, and the present Situation of Affairs did absolutely require the Continuation of all the Imperial Forces, to enable his Majesty to provide for the Common-weal, he hoped 'his dutiful States would readily comply with what 'he had represented to them.' To which the States answered, 'That they would do all that lay in their 'Power for the Maintainance of his Imperial Majesty's Crown and Dignity, and for the Welfare 'of the most August House of Austria.' They add, that it was not yet known what Resolution the Court will take, in relation to the Treaty concluded betwixt the King of Spain and the Allies of Hanover; but were very apprehensive that a War will break out in Italy next Spring.

They write from the Hague, that they had Letters from Seville, which confirmed that the Ambassador of the States General signed the 22d past, on the Part of their High Mightinesses, the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, Union and Alliance concluded the 9th of the said Month, betwixt Grt. Britain, France and Spain: By which it was agreed on all Hands, that the Affairs of Gibraltar and Portmahon were fully adjusted.

Yesterday the Court of Directors of the S. S. Company waited on his Majesty, with their Address of Thanks, for his great Care of their Interest in the Treaty concluded with Spain: Which his Majesty received very graciously, and expressed the Pleasure it gave him, that his Endeavours proved to the Satisfaction of so considerable a Body; and assured them, that when the Terms made by him and his Allies were made publick, it would appear that the general Interest, and in particular what regards the Commerce of these Kingdoms, had been preferred by him to all other Considerations.

We hear that all the Guard-ships, except 6, and 3 Yatchts, are ordered to be paid off immediately.

The publick, as well as private Advices from Holland, give dismal Accounts of Losses on that Coast in the late Storms; and some reckon up 20 or 30 Sail: Among them a Dutch East-india Ship, and that 206 of the Men were drowned.

The Lord Baltimore, who last Summer went for his Pleasure in a fine Ship of his own, called the *Sea Nymph*, to several Places in Italy, and was feared to be lost, returned Yesterday into the Downs from Gibraltar.

By private Letters from abroad we learn, that Mr. Rogers, an eminent English Merchant at Oporto, had been murdered there. That an English Brigantine having taken in her Loading of Coffee, &c. at Alexandria, for Venice, the Crew in her Passage thither, rose and killed the Captain; but afterwards putting into a Port of Turky, they were, upon Information, seized and executed there. That there had been an extraordinary Wreck in the Needles of the Isle of Wight; and it was apprehended to be the Corpse and Family of the late Ld. Londonderry: And that Mr. Bostock the Exchange Broker, has been seen at Amsterdam.

From the Evening-Post, Dec. 11.

Petersburg, Nov. 15. All the Shipping here and in the Port of Cronstot are locked fast up by the hard Frost; and as the River Neva is covered quite over with Ice, the two Frigates we expected in their Return from Spain, as likewise many trading Vessels, must be obliged to return to Revel.

Milan, Nov. 26. Mr. Leblond, his Most Christian Majesty's Minister at this Court, has given a very Noble Entertainment on occasion of the Dauphin's Birth. He made a Lottery of 100 Pistoles, wherein were 60 Prizes, which was drawn by a like Number of marriageable Maidens, each Parochial Rector of this City sending two from his respective

ſpective Pariſh; which Action met with general Applauſe.

Florence, Nov. 18. The continual Rains and ſtormy Weather prevent the Arrival of Ships and Couriers, ſo that we are extremely barren of Intelligence.

Seville, Nov. 24. Their Catholick Majeſties and all the Royal Family continue in perfect Health, the Queen being entirely recovered of her late Indiſpoſition.

Paris, Decem. 14. The King has publiſhed an Edict for reſtoring the Fiſhery upon the Coaſts of Flanders and other Provinces.

Hague, Decem. 16. On the 10th about 4 in the Morning died the young Prince Charles of Denmark, to the great Grief of that Royal Family.

London, Nov. 11. The *Chatham*, and ſeveral of the Men of War are ordered home.

To ſhew you the flouriſhing Condition of Trade in the City of Weſtminſter and Liberties thereof; a Trader in Ginger-bread drives about the Streets in his Chariot and Four (Dogs,) with a Yellow Feather in his Hat.

The *Unity*, Capt. Mocket, from St. Ube's, for Cork, was lately loſt near St. Ive's in Cornwall, and the Maſter and 5 Men drowned.

Capt. Toller, of the *Pearl* Man of War, hath ſeized ſeveral ſmall French Veſſels on the Coaſt of Antigoe, for trading contrary to a Treaty formerly concluded between England and France.

A Project is on foot for ſetting up Academies at two of the principal Sea-ports in England, for teaching the Art of Navigation, and ſuppreſſing ſeveral needleſs Officers in the Navy.

In the late high Winds many Ships have been loſt on the Coaſt of Holland, and a great many Perſons drowned; amongſt which, there was one bound to China, and the Captain and 40 Men were drowned.

Yeſterday the Tide in the Thames flowed ſo very high, that ſeveral Boats floated in the new Palace Yard, Weſtminſter, the Inhabitants thereof were carried out of their Houſes in them. Water was five Inches high in Weſtminſter-hall, ſo that the Shopkeepers were forced to quit their Shops. The Cellars and lower Rooms in Chanel Row were filled with Water, whereby very conſiderable Damage was done.

At Hammerſmith Creek the Waters were Yeſterday ſo high, that it ran over the Foot Path, ſo that the Horſes ſwam, which has not been known for many Years.

Dover, Dec. 6. Lord Carmichael is waiting here for an Opportunity to depart hence for Calais; at which Place, 'tis ſaid, Duke Hamilton is detained for want of Wind to bring him over.

From the Daily Poſt Boy, Decem. 11.

Bruſſels, Dec. 12. The General Count Vehlen is returned hither from viſiting his Eſtate in Germany, and will ſpeedily ſet out for his Government of Aeth. Moſt of the Directors of the Oſtend Company are now here; and it is given out, that their Stock will be higher next Year, than ever it has been yet. It is now at 147 or 148; but no Buyers. Yeſterday our Gariſon was reviewed by the Imperial Commiſſaries.

Paris, Dec. 14. On Thurſday laſt, an Expreſs was ſent from this Court to that of Vienna.

Hague, Dec. 16. On the 12th, the Council of State went in a Body, and preſented to their High Mightineſſes Aſſembly the State of the War for the Year enſuing.

Cadiz, Nov. 15. We are haſtening here the Equipment of a War of 56 Guns, and another of 40, which are to ſet Sail the 25th inſtant for Carthagena in New Spain.

Seville, Nov. 23. We hear that his Catholic Majeſty, in Conſideration of the great Services the Marquis De la Paz has rendred the Crown in conducting this Treaty, has ſettled a Penſion of 12000 Pieces of Eight yearly on him, beſides a Commandery which brings in 3000 more. The Contents of this Treaty are not yet known: 'Tis true ſome Perſons have taken upon them to publiſh Part of the Articles; but in the preſent Uncertainty we do not think them worth mentioning.

From the London Evening Poſt, Dec. 11.

Vienna, Nov. 30. Count Coningſeck's Secretary is arrived here from Seville, with Diſpatches he delivered into the Emperor's own Hands, which, for that Reaſon, are thought to be of the laſt Importance. We are ſtill very apprehenſive that a Theatre of new War will break out in Italy next Spring.

Jamaica, Oct. 15. About a Week ago we had a Spaniſh Pacquet Boat of 20 Guns brought into this Port, by his Majeſty's Ship, the Experiment, Capt. Reddiſh, who had been ſent out on Purpoſe to the Havana to cruiſe, where we were informed 26 Sail of Spaniſh Ships lay, intended for this Iſland. The

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Packet Boat was come from Spain, with Instructions for their commanding Officers both by Sea and Land, and she was taken going into St. Jago. The Packets on board her were upwards of 40, and were seized before they had Time to fling them over board; however, our Governor and Council are endowed with such generous Principles, and inviolable Notions of Honour, that they are in suspense whether they shall open them or not, and talk of dismissing the Spaniard, without the least Molestation. He (though a Spaniard) fired at, and endeavoured to board the Experiment, taking her for a Merchant-man; but upon hoisting her Colours, the Spaniard was disheartned, and immediately submitted.

Plymouth, Dec. 6. The Weather has been so tempestuous here for about 4 Weeks past, that the like is not remembred. It still continues blowing so hard, that Ships cannot be visited, nor Boats come ashore from them; however, we believe they still remain there.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Dec. 11.

Hague, Decem. 16. 'Tis advised from Berlin, that the Queen of Great Britain had writ a Letter to the King of Prussia, exhorting him to come to an Accommodation with the King her Consort.

London, Dec. 11. Several Robberies have been committed since our last.

The Geese having having demolished the Gravel-walks and damaged the Gardens at Kensington, the Earl of Essex has ordered them all to be shot.

S. S. Stock, 103, 3 8ths.

From the Flying Post, Dec. 11.

They write from Stockholm, that the Swedish Court is entred into Engagements with the Most Christian King, to keep a Squadron and a considerable Number of Troops ready for the Service of King Stanislaus, in order to enable him to assert his Rights to the Crown of Poland.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Dec. 11.

Stockholm, Nov. 30. Here are lately come in 3 Swedish Merchant-ships from Spain, richly laden. Tho' his Excellency Baron Sparre had obtain'd Liberty to make a Tour hither, mostly on account of his ill State of Health; yet the Count de Casteja, the French Minister here, having represented to his Majesty, 'That the Person and Conduct of his 'said Excellency was extremely agreeable to his 'most Christian Majesty; and that the general 'Peace of Europe being now just at the point of 'a Conclusion, it might prove prejudicial to this 'Realm, to recall so able and experienced a Minister.' Therefore it has been resolved in the Senate to send him a Courier, with Orders to return to Paris, if he has left it, or to remain till the Accomplishment of this grand Affair.

Haddington, Decem. 11, 1729.

Best Wheat,	09 00 00.	2d, 08 10 00.	3d, 08 00 00
Best Bear,	07 00 00.	2d, 06 12 00.	3d, 06 06 00
Best Oats,	06 12 00.	2d, 06 06 00.	3d, 06 00 00
Best Pease,	05 12 00.	2d, 05 07 00.	3d, 05 00 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶ That on Monday next the 22d Instant, there is to be exposed to Sale by way of Roup, at the Mansion-house of Birkhill, in the Parish of Uphall and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, at 10 of the Clock before Noon, a considerable Quantity of OATS, BEAR and PEASE, partly threshing, and partly in the Stalk: As also, several HORSES and COWS, and all kinds of HOUSHOLD PLENISHING and LABOURING UTENSILS.

¶ That on the Second of February next, there is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of *Alexander Primrose* in *Elphinstone*, Pans in Stirlingshire, a considerable Quantity of GROWING FIR-TREES of all Sizes, fit for any kind of Building, either in Wholesale or Parcels. Any Person may there buy, or give Proposals thereanent to the said Alexander Primrose, (who will shew the saids Trees any Time before the Sale) or to Mr. *James Macewen* Bookseller in Edinburgh, at his Shop there, in order to be by Mr. Macewen transmitted to the Proprietor. The Fir-Trees grow within a Quarter a Mile of the Water of Forth, where Vessels of any Burden can be commodiously loaded at all Seasons.

¶¶ That Mr. ADAIR's Coasting MAPS, from Sunderland-Point in England to Old Aberdeen, taking in the Firths of Forth and Tay, &c. (with the General Map of Scotland by King *JAMES* V.) Are to be Sold at Mr. THOMAS HERIOT's Shop in the Parliament Close, and those of the other Booksellers in Town; at Twelve Shillings Sterling, with the *Descriptions*, and at Six Shillings separately.

¶¶¶ That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS younger of GLENBERVY, the Roup and Sale of the Lands and Barony of FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the 27th of January, next, in the House of Mris. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of *William Forbes* Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

¶¶¶ To be Sold, to the highest Bidder, at *Thornhill* in the Shire of Dumfries, on the 15th Day of January 1730, a large Wood of fine OLD OAK, growing on the Grounds of the Barony of Keir, about seven Miles distant from the Town of Dumfries. The Conditions of Sale to be seen in the Hands of JOHN DALRYMPLE of Waterside, at his House near Thornhill; JOHN NEILSON of Chapel, at his House in Dumfries; and THOMAS GOLDIE Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square, Laun-market, Edinburgh.